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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following response. A petition for a three-month extension of time to extend the period of response to on or before March 21, 2007 accompanies this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.